Gulf of Mexico Alliance Regional Restoration Coordination Team Conference call 10-25-06, 3:00pm CDT

Participants:

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Drew Puffer (EPA)
Bobbi Reed (GMF)
Greg DuCote (LDWF)
Dugan Sabins (LDEQ)
Kristopher Benson (NOAA)
Larry Parson (USACE)
Carl Ferraro (ADCNR)

Karen Gautreaux (LDEQ)
Miles Croom (NMFS)
Tom Calnan (TGLO)
Woody Woodrow (TPWD)
Quenton Dokken (GMF)
Chris David (NOAA)
Linda Mathies (USACE)

1.) Agenda update from Louisiana, recent revisions, etc. and additional state and federal partners for the workshop

QD: Lee Yokel wants to know what we think the outreach needs are for restoration team. Can we find some time for it at the meeting? Maybe sometime on Day 2.

AP: Will Lee be there?

KG: Report back to Lee about our perceptions on the info, the audience, etc for outreach.

QD: Lee will not attend. I will report back to her.

KB: Let's make sure we are all up-to-date and on the same page about the most recent agenda. Does anyone have any issues?

DP: Is Mark Davis and others confirmed?

KG: I will touch base with Len about who has confirmed

DS: Actually, Mark Davis is no longer on the agenda.

WW: Second half of day 1. Breakout discussions would require a group leader and possible additional infrastructure.

BR: Given the status of arrangements with the hotel, it would be difficult to get space for breakout sessions.

KB: It should be group discussion instead.

(There was general agreement from the conference call participants.)

WW: Walk through each one of the actions under R1-1 & R1-2.

QD: We need to identify each action blueprint in the agenda for time management

KB: I will bring copies of the Implementation Activities Matrix for attendees. Will we have agency representation other than team members to address specific actions/issues? NMFS-HCD is planning to have Rick Hartman at the table to talk about EFH issues. Also hoping to have Protected Resources Division staff attend.

LGM: Will be there to represent USACE NOLA district.

MC: Expecting Endangered Species Act issues. Rick isn't necessarily the expert on this issue.

KB: Hoping to have Kelly Schotts attend to address ESA issues from NMFS side. We also need someone from USFWS, and Columbus should be sending someone.

BR: Warren Lorenz and Ken Rice were at the Biloxi meeting from FWS.

GD: Should we have someone from the Lafayette office (David Walter or Russell Watson?).

KG: Yes. It would also be great to have Dave Fruge at the meeting, because he can speak for both state and federal.

MC: Doug Fruge, another Fruge for FWS, could be a good addition and should attend, especially if Columbus isn't coming to the meeting.

AP: I will contact Doug Fruge

2.) Meeting logistics update from the Gulf of Mexico Foundation.

BR: Estimate for the number of people to expect for meals, etc. I've been estimating 45 people at the meeting, 18 rooms, others driving in.

QD: Not much participation from Mexico for this meeting.

BR: Possibly nobody from Mexico.

BR: Rafael and Quenton are the only NGOs represented

BR: Kendall Keyes is coming and is as of now the GEMS manager for Texas. Save your receipts. Parking is expensive.

MC: Will you have a Regional Sediment Management Master Planning meeting after the meeting?

LP: For one hour after the meeting, we will meet.

LM: I will attend.

WW: It should be on the agenda

QD: We will update the agenda with the master plan meeting and the timing of the discussion for the afternoon of day one and the morning of day two.

CF: Shall we meet for dinner on the night of Nov. 1st?

BR: Meet in the lobby of the hotel at 6.

Call ended at 3:42 PM CDT.

Follow-up e-mail from KG:

Confirmed Lisa Schiavinato from LSU Sea Grant for the 12:20-12:20 slot (Jim Wilkins' associate). LB advised that he and Tom Doyle agreed that if TD could not make it, he would send someone knowledgeable from USGS on the topic, though no name is available.